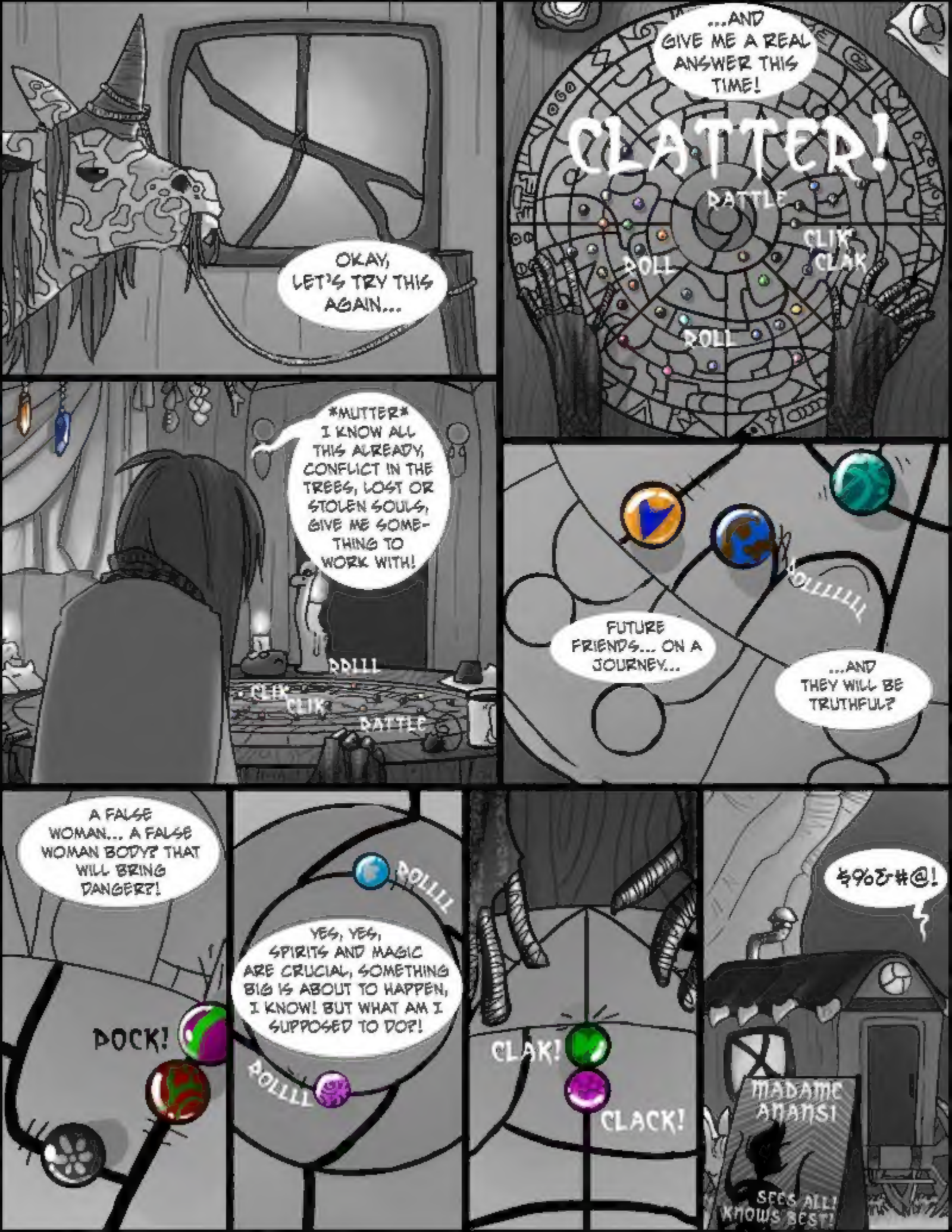
WELL... DON'T WIGGLE IN YOUR SEAT, DON'T TALK TO THE ACTORS WHILE THEY'RE PERFORMING-
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP
Ladies and gentlemen, welcome! Welcome to my theater!
Thank you for coming
NOD NOD
JUST DON'T SAY ANYTHING UNTIL THE SHOW IS OVER.
I am Vaniji Rala, master of the Gallimaufry, here to present you with the entertainment for this evening! Cord of Gold, a tale of magic, betrayal, and redemption!
I guarantee an exciting evening as the finest collection of actors in all the land present this classic as it was meant to be told!
So sit back...
...relax...
...and enjoy the show!

Tip Tip Tip
TAP TAP
COO?
WAKE UP, LITTLE ONES. IT'S ALMOST YOUR CUE!
COOOO COOO

WHAT IS SO IMPORTANT ABOUT THIS DEVICE, THAT EVERYONE I MEET TRIES TO STEAL IT?
AND WHY DOES IT CAUSE ME TO SEE PEOPLE AND PLACES I DON'T REMEMBER?
FLUTTER
WHATEVER IT IS, I MUST DESTROY IT, FOR I'LL HAVE NOTHING MORE TO DO WITH IT!
K-SZAP!
POP-CRACKLE!
PERHAPS THEN THESE VISIONS OF SOMEONE ELSE'S LIFE WILL LEAVE MY MIND!
I WILL NOT BE DRIVEN MAD BY A MERE LUMP OF STONE!
THOOM!

CRACKLE-POP!
SKRREEEE
HSSSSK!
HSSSASK!
SKRIEK!
M-MPH
FFFFF
WHEEZE
MM-MMPH...
BLITZ?
BLITZ, ARE YOU SICK?
CAN IT WAIT UNTIL THE END OF THE PLAY?
MNUUU...
MM-HMMM...
SHHH!
THEN BE PATIENT JUST A LITTLE LONGER.

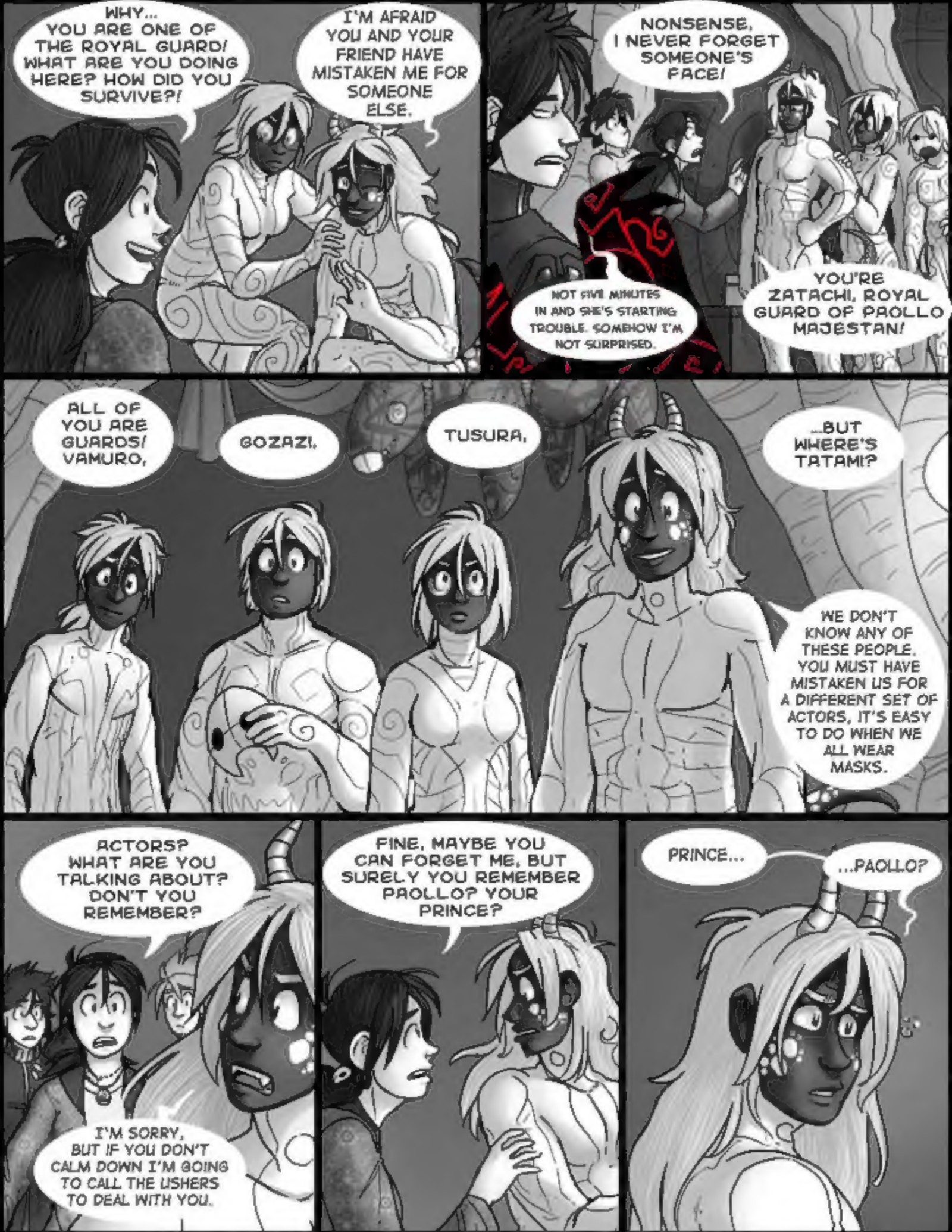
Congrats my boy, congrats! You dealt well with my puppets.
WHA-?
However, I suggest you don't try to use Force against me.
What I lack in physical height, I make up with powers beyond imagination.
KOR YANDER...
Luckily, I'm not here to destroy you, but to HELP you!
After all, you have what I want, and I have what you need.


OKAY, LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN...
...AND GIVE ME A REAL ANSWER THIS TIME!
CLATTER!
RATTLE
CLIK CLAK
ROLL
ROLL
MUTTER I KNOW ALL THIS ALREADY, CONFLICT IN THE TREES, LOST OR STOLEN SOULS, GIVE ME SOMETHING TO WORK WITH!
RRLLL
CLIK CLIK
RATTLE
ROLLLLLLL
FUTURE FRIENDS... ON A JOURNEY...
...AND THEY WILL BE TRUTHFUL?
A FALSE WOMAN... A FALSE WOMAN BODY? THAT WILL BRING DANGER?!
POCK!
ROLLLL
YES, YES, SPIRITS AND MAGIC ARE CRUCIAL, SOMETHING BIG IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN, I KNOW! BUT WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?!
ROLLLL
CLAK!
CLACK!
$%&#@!
MADAME ANANSI
SEES ALL! KNOWS BEST!

YAAAAAAAAAAY!
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP
THAT WAS THE SHINIEST THING I HAVE EVER SEEN!
IT MUST HAVE BEEN! YOU STAYED QUIET THROUGH THE WHOLE THING!
WHAT DID YOU WANT TO SAY SO BADLY, ANYWAY?
OH, I JUST... I THINK I... UM...
UMMMMMMMM...
IT'S OKAY, DON'T HURT YOURSELF.
UMUMUM...
WELL, LET'S GET BACK STAGE AND TALK TO KOR.
AREN'T YOU FORGETTING SOME-THING?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? I DIDN'T...
OKAY GUYS, BREAK IT UP, IT'S TIME TO GO!
FINDING THE HEIRS? SAVING THE WORLD? ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING?

DOES THIS BUSTLE MAKE MY BUTT LOOK BIG?
OF COURSE! THAT'S WHAT IT'S SUPPOSED TO DO!
You and Clarike are so romantic together!
We wrote a story about you two!
THAT'S... NICE.
NO? PERHAPS YOU SAW WHERE HE WENT?
EXCUSE ME, WE'RE LOOKING FOR KOR YANDER.
KOR? HE'S PROBABLY GONE HOME ALREADY.
IT'S REALLY URGENT, DO YOU KNOW WHERE HE LIVES?
OF COURSE I DO, HE LIVES HERE! HE HAS AN APARTMENT ABOVE THE THEATER ITSELF.
YOU'RE NOT TALENT SCOUTS ARE YOU?
WOULD IT MATTER IF WE WERE?
IF YOU ARE I'D GIVE UP NOW, THERE'S NO WAY VENIJ WOULD LET KOR LEAVE FOR ANOTHER TROUPE.
UM... HI?
GUARDS! GUARDS!
BLITZ?!

BLITZ, GET OFF! HE'S NOT REALLY A BAD GUY, HE JUST PLAYS ONE ON STAGE!
MMMF HELP! FAN ATTACK!
OF COURSE, HE IS NOT BAD GUY CREDENZA, HE IS GOOD GUY! HE IS OUR FRIEND GUARD!
POP!
BLITZ, YOU'RE NOT MAKING SENSE, HE'S JUST... JUST...
SEE CREDENZA? HIS MASK CONFUSED ME, BUT I KNEW HIM WHEN I SAW HIM!
HE IS OUR FRIEND GUARD!
PRINCE PAOLLO'S ROYAL GUARD!


WHY... YOU ARE ONE OF THE ROYAL GUARD! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? HOW DID YOU SURVIVE?!
I'M AFRAID YOU AND YOUR FRIEND HAVE MISTAKEN ME FOR SOMEONE ELSE.
NONSENSE, I NEVER FORGET SOMEONE'S FACE!
NOT FIVE MINUTES IN AND SHE'S STARTING TROUBLE. SOMEHOW I'M NOT SURPRISED.
YOU'RE ZATACHI, ROYAL GUARD OF PAOLLO MAJESTAN!
ALL OF YOU ARE GUARDS! VAMURO,
GOZAZI,
TUSURA,
...BUT WHERE'S TATAMI?
WE DON'T KNOW ANY OF THESE PEOPLE. YOU MUST HAVE MISTAKEN US FOR A DIFFERENT SET OF ACTORS, IT'S EASY TO DO WHEN WE ALL WEAR MASKS.
ACTORS? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? DON'T YOU REMEMBER?
I'M SORRY, BUT IF YOU DON'T CALM DOWN I'M GOING TO CALL THE USHERS TO DEAL WITH YOU.
FINE, MAYBE YOU CAN FORGET ME, BUT SURELY YOU REMEMBER PAOLLO? YOUR PRINCE?
PRINCE...
...PAOLLO?